Updating undergraduates' education is the 'Master Plan

BY TERRY ALEY News Editor

During an interview on Monday, University President Dean Hubbard discussed prospects to upgrade the overall quality of the undergraduate education received in what is referred to as his "Master Plan." The specific goals of this plan would be to provide a stronger foundation for the education students would receive at Northwest.

Some of the original reasons behind this plan was the lagging of American competitiveness in the internation job market. An increase in the American quality of education is one of the few ways this country could stay afloat and keep that competitive edge.

[In these foreign countries] "the advent of the computer has made it possible to, with the use of robots, to produce some very complex products with employees who are paid poorly

and poorly educated," Hubbard said. "Because you take a complex part and you simply use a robot. . .You don't have to have skilled people."

Improvement in education is something that would provide beneficial long-term results. In about the last two decades, education has become "less rigorous and [less] demanding, and that shows up on the [college exit test] scores," he added.

"I asked the deans if they would go

back to their faculty and ask them to make recommendations regarding ways that we could create a 'culture of quality,' " he said. "I don't think it is possible to have an island of excellence in a sea of mediocrity. . we create an atmosphere in an institution that says we demand the best out of everybody, and that's whether you are a custodian. . . or an English teacher."

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ACT test to improve

BY KIM SCHENK News Assistant

"Assessment for improvement" will be the main objective next month in the April ACT College Outcomes Measures Test to be given at Northwest. In the coming months, this assessment program, instituted by the Talent Development Center, will finally be enacted.

The main objective in the assessment and the ACT COMP is the improvement.

-Dr. Patt VanDyke

The progam started last Sept. with freshmen taking the ACT COMP will continue with the testing of sophomores and seniors. The program is not set up like a normal course test in which tests exit the results as a student finishes each chapter but instead tests for improvement

Freshmen were tested for baseline data, giving the University an idea of what they had to work with and an idea of how they could help freshmen improve. The sophomores are now going to be tested to see how they have improved. The seniors will be tested on how much of an effect Northwest has had on their educational outcome.

"The test gives the University and the student real information through individual reports that the student can use in gaining a better job and a better future," Dr. Patt VanDyke said.

The University is able to use this information to assess where the money should be spent institutionally. This gives the University the ability to focus planning on where the students can receive the greatest amount of learning.

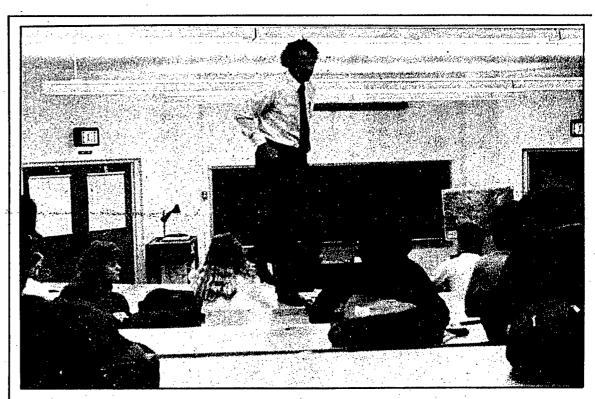
Each student would receive a copy of their results in which they would be able to use as a resume of their abilities. "The information gained from the ACT COMP is what employeers are looking for, a report of workplace skills," Dr. VanDyke said.

By breaking the information from the test down into specific areas, such as majors, the University can also focus on how students in that particular major compare to the rest of the student body. The University is then able to make improvements in areas where improvements are needed.

"We can see where we start with the freshman and how far we have to go with the sophomores, therefore, we can perform fine tuning of courses where it is needed," Dr. VanDyke added.

To maximize performance, the University is also asking students how they feel about the testing and other aspects of the University which may have an impact on learning in order to balance problems and find obstructions.

The data collected involved food service, health service and residents halls as well as the athletic programs offered. This data was then distributed to the various areas not only as informasee ACT, p.3, col.5



Dr. Roger Corley, professor of history and humanities, takes out time to amuse his American Historical Survey students by trying a 'different' style of lecturing from atop their desks.

Faculty and administration participate

Fitness pilot program continues at Lamkin

BY YOSHINORI NAKAGAWA Staff Writer

Northwest's faculty and administrative staff are voluntarily continuing a pilot fitness program under the instruction of Dr. Garry Collins and Dr. Jim Redd. It has been held at Lamkin Gym since its introduction last Jan. 19. Collins and Redd started the pilot program for the purpose of getting faculty and staff more involved with exercise.

"People tend to avoid having to exercise, making excuses as they are getting old," Dr. Collins said. "They realize the importance of the exercise when they become sick." He also said they need to take care of their physical wellness just as they do their automobiles.

In this fitness program, some volunteers are working with "Super Circuit." This aspect of the program is made up of jogging, or exercise bicycle, along with weight lifting on as many as eight different techniques. They exercise for 20 to 60 minutes a day and at least three times a week. Collins said most volunteers prefer fast walking to other

types of exercise.

Collins instructs volunteers or how to appropriate exercises, es pecially advising them not to ex ceed their training heart rate which is 60 to 80 percent of their maximum heart rate can be easily calculated by taking 205 subtracting one half of the person's age. "It is im portant to know the training heart rate for everybody who is doing exercise because one sometimes overworks," Collins said.

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PLAN, continued

The Master Plan steering committee has assembled a document containing 39 recommendations entitled Strengthening the Foundations: An Agenda for Improving Undergraduate Education at NWMSU.

He said the committee has conscientiously rejected the notion that an institution can be judged for excellence simply due to the absolute score of normed national college exit exams. "If you accept that notion, you give examinations for purposes of 'ranking and sorting' students. Secondly, you raise your admission standards to 'freeze out' any student who already hasn't demonstrated he can do it. This is an elitists' strategy."

"We are going to determine whether we are doing a good job or not based upon how much we add to the talents of the students who come here," he said. This would be accomplished by measuring these abilities as graduating seniors. Judgements can then be made by comparing the change in abilities.

One belief is that any strategy to educational improvement needs to focus on three things: active involvement, demanding high expectations and assessment for feedback.

The committee made the decision that a large amount of attention must be focused on student devotion of time to studying. This concept could be implemented in four various methods such as:

□increasing the amount of time some students must devote

to a particular course. For example, students with lower English abilities might be required to take five hours of Composition, as compared to higher English abilities in which only three hours would be required each week.

□increasing the amount of required courses considered basic to a baccalaureate education in areas such as general education and liberal arts courses. Six hours of a required foreign language is expected to be phased in within seven years.

□increasing the number of credit hours required for graduation.

□increasing the length of each semester, which has already been phased in.

Many universities have taken the "easy way out" by simply raising admission standards, which will raise test scores. "Schools that want to raise admission standards, what they are saying is, 'If you let average students in, it draws down the quality of the institution [because of lower test averages]," he said. "We refuse to buy that."

Hubbard also rejects the theory that if an institution is academically rigorous, it can not be "fun." He strongly believes students in general do want a good education and this education can be both interesting and relevant at the same time. "That's like it's no fun to play on a ball team that wins," he added.

Most of these proposed items have phase-in periods over a few years time. It would be impossible to make these kinds of changes in one day. Other goals Hubbard will look into is only allowing students who have completely and successfully completed each requirement to graduate. Only students receiving A,B, or C grades are the only ones who have adequately prepared themselves for graduation. The committee will also recommend to Faculty Senate that all "pejorative" (stigmatic) designations (such as academic probation, etc.) be removed from transcripts and other student records.

Students will be able to graduate under the bulletin they started on because it is a contract. In other words, requirements listed in the undergraduate catalog of the students' first year will be honored until they graduated. "We don't come along and change the rules mid-stream on the students," he said. Students do have the option of changing to the newer bulletins if they so desire as they progress through their schooling.

The Electronic Campus and the Talent Development Center will be crucial to this because of the new opportunities and efficiencies for learning they can create. "Our commitment is to help students survive in a more demanding environment," he said. "We don't want a system that washes the students out."

"I think quality sells," he said.
"I think our constituents will respond to a non-elitist approach to a quality education."

He did not think the changes would "scare off" any incoming freshmen. "If it's a good institution, they will come because they want a good education."

Newstine

Senate elections to be held

Student Senate elections will be held April 7 in the dormitories, Taylor Commons and in the Student Union.

Applications to run for a senate position are available in the Student Senate office until Mar. 23 when all applications are due. Positions available are: president, vice-president, treasurer, secretary, senior-class president and two senior senators, junior-class president and two junior representatives, sophomore-class president and two sophomore senators as well as 5 off campus representatives.

All students who apply to run must attend a rules meeting on Mar. 31 in the Northwest Room of the J.W. Jones Student Union to be held at 6:45p.m. Campaigning will begin immediately following the meeting.

Student paper misprints number

The Daily Mississippian, the University of Mississippi's daily student paper, and the Jackson Clarion-Ledger both printed a 900 number that, they advertised, would tell callers which football recruits Ole Miss signed on national letter-of-intent day last week.

But the number belonged instead to *Penthouse* magazine, whose phone service is a taped female voice making sexual suggestions.

Ole Miss's sports information office, which provided the number to both papers, apologized. "All we can do is undergo the embarrassment of it," says spokesman Langston Rogers.

Dr. Ruth featured in lecture

Dr. Ruth Westheimer will be featured in a lecture set for Friday, March 27, at 8 p.m. in the Mary Linn Performing Arts Center. Dr. Ruth is most famous for her television show "lifetime." Tickets are \$3.00 for Northwest students and \$8.00 for general admission and are available at the Union office, 562-1242, as well as the Mary Linn Box Office.





Worldwide

COLLEGE PRESS SERVICE

A whirlwind of student activism has swept across campuses around the world in recent weeks and months, largely because universities are trying to adopt policies U.S. students have lived with for years.

Students at the National Autonomous University of Mexico, for example, agreed last week to suspend a three-week strike they started to protest new campus admissions standards, standardized tests and increases in some fees.

The students also disliked new requirements that they can take only two make-up exams a semester.

In France, thousands of students boycotted classes and marched in the streets last December to protest Premier Jacques Chirac's bill to allow universities to set their own admission requirements and increase registration fees.

In January, Canadian students donned black armbands mourning the "death of postsecondary education." Students in all provinces, including Quebec, are pressuring their provincial legislatures to put more money from constantly spiraling tuitions

back into higher education.

Students in China, Peru, Spain, Italy and Argentina, among other countries, also are protesting new higher education policies ranging from funding deficiencies to admissions and curriculum reforms.



"A bunch of countries have tried to change their laws recently," explains Ed Battle of the Institute of International Education in Washington, D.C.

The apparent reason is that they need to streamline their colleges to cope with international economic shifts.

"In the 1960's, they were under pressure to expand the educational systems to make education accessible to more people. So they made the systems bigger—some now are enormous—but now they're also expensive," Battle says.

Battle notes that, while the countries try to control the sprawl of their higher education

systems, "youth unemployment in many countries is high now, and people still see education as a way out of poverty. Of course, they're not going to be happy with those kinds of changes that restrict and limit access to education or to particular programs."

student protests address education concerns

"I feel that down deep the protests are born of frustration," agrees Phil Coombs of the International Council, a group that researches and analyzes foreign education issues.

"Youth unemployment is quite high in some countries, like Spain and France, and students even in secondary school have a deep-down fear of what kind of career they will have."

Coombs notes foreign students often are bewildered by the diversity of U.S. colleges and their relative independence from government interference.

"Americans, on the other hand, don't understand foreign students' protests of their educational systems, while from those students' point of view, the systems are horrendous."

The systems, he adds, are "loaded with rules."

"The current book of Spanish legislation on higher education," Coombs reports, "looks like the New York City phone book."

The big difference between protests in the U.S. and abroad, adds Philip Altbach, Comparative Education Center director at

the State University of New York at Buffalo, is that the ones abroad are much more limited and insular.

While U.S. students may demonstrate against apartheid half way across the globe, many of the recent foreign university upheavals concern issues that don't extend beyond campus bounderies, he notes.

Battle adds, though, that foreign universities often are under the direct control of their national governments, which many students consider faceless bureaucracies with no ear for student concerns.

Governments consequently take school protests as direct affronts, and often quake in response.

French Premier Chirac, for example, withdrew his college reform bill, though not before one student died of a police beating that incited still more furious protests.

And Mexican authorities ended the student strike by agreeing to delay implementing reforms, and forming a university-wide "congress" to reconsider them.

Perhaps because those governments are so inextricably involved in those campuses, too, higher education protests quickly can become more general.

"Politics are often more important than education policies in arousing student activism," Altbach points out. In Thailand, the West Bank of Israel, South Korea and South Africa students have played major roles in recent massive demonstrations against government policies not necessarily related to higher education.

Chinese students' ongoing agitation led the Chinese government to close campuses temporarily, and apparently helped convince it to drop some democratic reforms.

The foreign protests, Altbach says, address basic concerns of the people involved. In the U.S., meanwhile, notwithstanding the anti-apartheid protests, "there seems to be little on the immediate horizon to trigger student activism on any significant scale."

ACT, continued

tion but as an incentive for improvement.

"The main objective in the assessment and the ACT COMP is the improvement," Dr. VanDyke said. "The University needs the data and is using the data to improve."

Freshmen will be receiving their ACT scores from their advisors during pre-registration. This was planned so the advisor can help the student pinpoint the services s/he needs and be able to help the students by giving them the best advice possible.

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Roberta occupants fight for traditional home

Special to the Missourian

Sorority women at Northwest have clung to the long-standing tradition of living in Roberta hall for many years. In the past, they have overcome much opposition from the administration, which has tried to close Roberta.

Once again, Roberta women are trying to fight off another attempt by the administration to seal off the dorm permanently.

The reason given to the residents for this closing is that there is no money to cover the \$.5 million cost of repairs to the building.

We, the occupants of the oldest dorm on campus, would like to know what happened to all of the repair money allocated some years back for renovations of Roberta.

In 1981, we were moved to Wilson Hall while the administration promised to renovate the entire dorm. Our stay in Wilson lasted for a year, and when told it was okay to move back into Roberta, we found that only half

of the dorm had been repaired. Now the administration claims there is no money to finish, so we are going to have to give up our home-away-from-home.

We have been given the options of moving into Phillips, Hudson or Perrin halls, but these choices are unacceptable to us. Too many problems would stem from such a change.

First, we would lose our home, and, consequently, either Phillips men or Perrin and Hudson women would lose theirs.

We would also be losing all the money and time invested in each of our individual chapter rooms. as well as the sentimental value of the various murals we have painted on the walls.

In short, this change would inconvenience too many people.

Even though the administration claims to have no money for these repairs, we believe they could come up with it. If they can somehow scrape up enough money to buy rights to the railroad, they should also be able to scrounge up a few nickels and dimes for Roberta Hall.

They could wait on installing

computer terminals in every dorm room along with phone jacks. In addition, they are putting them into Roberta. Now, if Roberta is to be closed down, what is the reasoning behind the installments?

Our administration may run into some more costly problems if they are not careful. Many Roberta residents have become fed up with the run-around they have received from the authorities on our campus and have opted to move off-campus. This means the University is losing money. What would they do if all the residents of Roberta decided to move off-campus into houses? There are approximately 155 girls in Roberta Hall now. If we assume that each of these women had the Ala-dine food plan, then decided to move offcampus into houses, the University would be losing \$282,100 a year. This could be an expensive mistake for Northwest.

In addition, if we are forced to move into another dorm, those people may develop the same attitude, and also choose life offcampus. Again, this could be

costly to the University.

We believe our administration should do more to help save Roberta Hall. Consistently Roberta women have filled up the dorm to near-capacity each year, bringing in hundreds of thousands of dollars. Where does all the money go? We think the University should feel obligated to keep the tradition of the oldest and most lived-in dormitory on campus going.

The residents have yet to discuss the problem with RHA (Residence Hall Association) to see if they can help us. The only other approach that might possibly work for us is to contact our sorority alumnae to ask for donations to save Roberta Hall. We also can get in touch with relatives or parents who can do the work on the building for lower costs to us, although this doesn't seem likely.

Roberta women will continue to fight for their traditional home on the Northwest campus. It is an important issue that the administration should think over again and again, before making their decision. If necessary, we will take the issue to bigger news sources to gain support. For now, we're hoping to make our administration think again. Hopefully, they will make the correct choice . . . to save Roberta Hall.

Stein's Field Guide to Ducks









In Your Opinion

Regarding the installation of computers in dorm rooms, what do you think about the fees, will enrollment be increased, and will they be an asset to the students?



Danny Lentz Freshman Physical Therapy

The computers should act as a definite incentive for students to attend Northwest. The fee is cheap enough, but I don't think everyone should have to have a terminal in their room.



Sean Weyerauch Freshman Computer Science/Criminology

They should be helpful to students, especially with the built-in word processors.



Darren "Dee" Miller Freshman Broadcasting

I think that they will be quite convenient in that I won't have to walk over to the library in order to do work. As far as the fee goes, what's another \$25 in anavalanche of bills?

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Problems exist . . . even after Spring Break

Stroller in arms over administration's solutions

Your Man has finally returned from his leave of absence at the Pub. I have received my inspirational calling to arms for this week; the gun is loaded, the safety off and the enemy is in sight.

STROLLER

So without any further ado, I'm going to get on the train. (READ: I'm going to rail on somebody!) So here's the issue for this week, and boy is it a big one.

The administration attacks a problem—the problem being that people are moving off-campus in droves. The administrators' solution? Give the students a computer, a telephone and zone parking. Uh-huh. Did someone up there forget to go to their Management classes or what? Let's look at the advantages their solution has.

Computer. With a terminal in every room, instructors will now be able to assign homework

through the net. (This will keep students who don't go to class because they're "sick" from having the excuse that they "didn't know it was due.") For those of us who live off-campus, don't worry, there will be computers for you in the library. Don't want to spend your entire night standing in line waiting to get to a computer and, if you do make it to one, getting on line? TOUGH!

Telephone. This is a great incentive.

Telephone, on-campus (proposed): hook-up fee: \$40; U-touch line feature: \$1.50; extended calling: \$.15; access line (one party): \$5.75; network access fee: \$2; TOTAL: \$49.40.

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Compare that to your oncampus phone bill now. FREE! What a deal you're getting in that trade.

Zone parking. Under the current proposal, you'll pay \$30 just to park on campus (and from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., Mr. Off Campus can park in your lot anyway), and \$30 more to park in a reserved spot near your dorm, if you can afford the extra bucks. Off-campus students pay \$30 to park on campus, and if you have a class before 10 a.m., plan on walking from behind the Fine Arts building. But for \$30 more

you can buy a reserved spot behind Garrett-Strong or behind Fine Arts. Great. I can buy a reserved space and still walk to school. And, by the way, I can park right next to my house for free.

The administration's proposal still has a good point. With a computer and a telephone in every room and the option to purchase your very own parking spot, high school students will be interested. This will be a great recruiting tool. Enrollment will go up.

Well, initially, yes. But after two years of all those goodies, the "neatness" is going to wear off. When you're 21 years old and want the freedom to have a BEER as you're listening to the LOUD MUSIC at 11 p.m., where do you go? Do you take your problems beyond the fringe, into the uncertainty of living off campus?

No way. Because then you have to worry about getting your assignments off the computer and paying traffic tickets you've accumulated when your car was parked in the library lot (which has been designated an oncampus lot) until 11 p.m. while you were trying to get on the computer. Gee, I wonder what Southeast Missouri State is like this time of year? Retention goes down. Enrollment in upper-level classes drops. Majors are closed out.

Well, Mr. Administrator, what a great idea you had. We now have a closed school with zone parking, and a computer and a telephone in every room! And the Stroller's writing for SMSU.

I've got a better idea for the administration. Why don't you really solve the problem? Realization

sets in. You want people to move back into the dorms? Why don't you get rid of the rules that drove the students out of the dorms in the first place? No one wants to live in a police state! In cast you don't realize what your present policies cause, try these on for size:

You can get written up for studying with a member of the opposite sex in your room at 1:05 a.m. (And don't tell me to study in the lounge either—ever tried to balance your checkbook in the nursery?)

You must have an escort after 8 p.m. They're afraid you'll suddenly forget how to walk and the janitor will sweep you out with the trash in the morning.

And the biggest complaint: At 21 years old—old enough to drink alcohol by Missouri State law—I can still get a \$25 fine for drinking in my room, written up by an R.A. who is 20 years old.

So, Mr. Administrator, as soon as you can put up with someone telling you how to live every minute of your life, you can expect us to put up with living in the dorms (READ AGAIN: Don't try to force your standards on us).

Well, I'm sorry I spent the whole column on this subject, but it needed to be said, and the administrators need to listen. So fellow Students, don't fool yourselves for a moment. The Big Guys in the Secluded Offices didn't give you computers because they thought you might like them, or, Heaven forbid, because it was in your best interest. It would have been nice if they did. They did it to line their own pockets. Next time you see one, thank him for me.

THE FAR SIDE By GARY LARSON With the state of the state

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Lab series' play date corrected

The student-directed play "Breaking Up Is Hard To Do" will be performed Friday, March 20, in conjunction with the presentation of the play "Johnny's Song." It was erroneously reported in the Feb. 19 issue of the Northwest Missourian that "Breaking Up Is Hard To Do" was presented on March 6.

The plays will be performed tomorrow in the Charles Johnson Theatre of the Fine Arts Building at 7:30 p.m. The cost is 50 cents.

Donations aid Technology

BY RICH ABRAHAMSON Special to the Missourian

Since July 1, donations bordering a quarter of a million dollars have aided the Technology Department in expanding electronic research as well as yielding a 17 percent increase in enrollment within the past year.

Through grants, scholarships and donations from private businesses and individuals, the department has made dramatic improvements in vision research, computer aided drafting and metalurgics.

Due to the limited amount of operation funds contributed by the University, the donations have provided our students with needed equipment and supplies," Dr. Al Andrews, chairman of the department, said. "It is allowing us to move forward through creative financing."

Acquired in September, the Vision System allows the user to analyze minute details of machine parts. The system con-

sists of four basic elements: a small camera, keyboard, screen and a central processing unit or computer.

The camera discerns the object it is placed over, then transfers the information to the computer where it is digitized onto a screen. This displayed image can then be altered and further examined by making adjustments using the keyboard.

In the quality control area, the Vision System is widely used by manufacturers to judge the surface texture of their products. Many such systems are mounted over conveyor belts. Banks often use the Vision System to analyze signatures and determine if a forgery has occurred. In large police departments, the system is used to study. fingerprints.

Richard Hunt and Jeff Whitehall, both senior Technology majors with electronics emphasis, have established themselves as departmental pioneers in Vision System research, computeraided drafting and robotics.

Department in electronics

In their research with the Vision System, these two have experimented with light and exposure time: specifically, how a light source affects the quality of an image. They have also conducted demonstrations of their skills at Maryville High School.

Whitehall believes students can have a better understanding of the Vision System if they first take the Applied Electricity/Electronics course the department offers.

A donation of \$64 thousand in computer-aided drafting software has enabled the drafting students to draw using a computer keyboard. The drawing is displayed on a screen and stored on a floppy disc for future reference. From the screen, the image can be electronically transferred to a plotter. The plotter then sketches the drawing onto a piece of paper.

"By using the CAD system, I'll never have to draw with a pencil again," Richard Hunt said.

Quality control in the department's metalurgy lab has been increased with the donation of a high-power microscope, tenciltester and electronic heightgauge. The microscope will be used to examine grain structure and case hardness of metals. while the tencil-tester will be used to test the stess and strain a material can endure. Used in the manufacture of parts, the electronic-height can accurately measure an object to 1/10,000 of an inch.

The most recent donation, made by Sunstrand in Jan., greatly enlarged the metalurgy lab tool inventory. The lab's toolmaking capabilities have been enhanced with an extensive line of cutting tools, including router bits and carving tools. A complete line of drill-engaging equipment has also been added.

Through the donations the Technology department has been able to further research and help support some regional industries. They relay information to such businesses as Eveready and Checkerboard Square. Through these contacts, they are able to discuss problems and what is being accomplished in their inquiries.

Bloodmobile to come back

BY DOUG ROSSELL Special to the Missourian

The St. Joseph area bloodmobile will be on campus Monday, Mar. 23, from 11 a.m. through 5 p.m. in the Student Union Ballroom.

"The turnout in the spring semester is always less than in the fall," Heitmann said.

Heitmann attributed the decrease greatly to the timing involved in scheduling the Bloodmobile.

"It's only a week after Spring Break, and a lot of people will just be getting back into the routine," Heitmann said. "But, the date was preset. I had nothing to do with that and I'm not really sure who did."

Ilse Straub, Student Senate president, said Heitmann's committee did an exceptional job in preparing and operating last semester's blood drive. Straub said a decrease in the number of donors would not be surprising since last semester's turnout was the largest in at least the last four years.

"I've worked with the Bloodmobile every year it has been on campus, since I was a freshman, and it was the biggest turnout I've ever seen," Straub said. "Last semester I worked all day and there wasn't a time when we didn't have a person."

"There were more students than we had expected, and there wasn't a time when we had an empty bed," Straub said.

Straub also said the demand for blood is very high. In fact, nearly all of the blood given at Northwest last semester could be used up by one hospital in a single day.

Straub and Heitmann encouraged students to get out and give blood on Mar. 23.

Bearcat Performance team members design 'prototype'

BY BILL COWAN Staff Writer

Members of the Industrial Art's Bearcat Performance Team are in the process of designing a totally new prototype car that could have the potential of getting gas mileage of 100 miles per gallon. These student members are working toward the future with a new concept in transportation.

"The performance team consists of 6-20 students and seven active members who are basically interested in high-vehicle performance, not necessarily speed," Dr. John Rhoades, power and energy instructor and advisor to the project, said.

The performance team, which is made up of students from the Technology Department, was started in 1975. It has been participating in national wide-road rallies ever since.

The team has also been involved in a number of rallies against other regional colleges and universities. In these competitions, the cars are judged in many areas such as low fuel economy, "exhaust emissions and best overall performance.

This prototype car was designed to be a two-passenger style vehicle and has a four cylinder mid-engine taken from a Ford Escort

"Our goal is to achieve 100 miles per gallon," Tom Andreas, president of the Bearcat Performance Team, said. "We are trying to develop a superior car, producing something of higher quality."

Andreas added that the performance team receives funding from grants in which they have used to explore car performance and computerized fuel injection. The car's frame and body is designed as a tubular- space frame made from aluminum fiber composites.

The four-wheel independent suspension [base] was designed by the club using computerized drafting. The car will utilize its on-board computer to monitor exhaust emissions, spark tuning, fuel consumption, road speed and driver demand.

The performance team has tried to incorporate as many available industrial technology

facilities as possible giving club members extra practice in the manufacturing of tools of the

"We are limited in technology and in state-of-the-art material,' Andreas said. "But we are trying to make the best of modern technology. We want the project to be successful."

The most greatly used facilities are the machine tool lab and the electronic lab. The car is channeled with complex components which have required much expertise and efforts. Most of the involved students agree the building of the car is time consuming and difficult, but the challenge keeps them going:

"The things that you can do [including the building of the car's outer framel are almost unlimited," Andreas added.

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Extra effort' put into library cleaning

Fiberglass no longer a threat

BY KIM SCHENK News Assistant

The fiberglass problem in the B.D. Owens library, previously reported in the *Missourian*, has hopefully come to a close with the Spring Break cleaning.

"The library was cleaned from top to bottom, every shelf, book, surface, the carpet and all the furniture were cleaned to remove any remaing fiberglass particles," Nancy Hanks, library director said.

The closing of the library over break, which does not normally occur, was due to the excess noise the cleaning produced and the possibility the fiberglass particles would be stirred up again. "All but a small section of the library was cleaned, the remaining cleaning is taking place in the mornings from 5-8 in order that the library hours would not be disturbed," Hanks said.

The problem with fiberglass in the air at the library started in January when library employees and students reported allergic reactions after being exposed to the library. These reactions were initially thought to be caused by a chemical agent in the library's carpet cleaner.

However, tests were run by Roth Asbestos Consultants Inc., but these tests determined that this cleaning agent was not a probable source of the problem. But, in the last few months when additional tests were performed, it was determined that there were fiberglass particles in the air. The problem areas were then sealed off until the levels of fiberglass dropped well within the acceptable limits of the Health Department and Environmental Service's Department.

With the levels well below the acceptable limits, the University used Spring Break to clean the library and rid the environment of any remaining particles.

"The University made this extra effort to clean the library and put it in the best condition for the students," Hanks said.

of the Wellness Council.

In addition, it is hoped exercise will become a important part of University life to each student at Northwest with the education requirements and some exercise prescriptions.

Hall's fate discussed

BY CHRIS TOWNSEND Special to the Missourian

A task force has been put together recently to decide how to take care of the renovations to be made on Roberta Hall. Roberta Hall, which now houses four sororities, is the oldest dormatory still in use today at the University.

The task force is made up of the president of each sorority, Bruce Wake, director of Housing, Dr. Phil Hayes, director of Auxiliary Services and the Roberta Hall director.

"Earlier this year, the administration decided we needed to make some cuts because of empty beds," Wake said. "We decided to close Roberta because it needed the most repairs."

Five alternatives were given during the fall semester to this task force. These alternatives included renovation to the north and east wings, removing the east wing, renovation of Phillips Hall to accommodate the girls or building four new walls that would house 50 students each.

"After talking to the girls, they [the girls] decided they would like to keep living there with minimal repairs for two years," Wake said.

He went on to explain that the total renovation would cost \$450-500 thousand which is not in the budget at the present time. The budget will be re-examined at the end of the two years.

This task force is investigating which repairs need to be taken care of first.

"We're getting an itemized list of costs and then we'll set priorities," Kathleen Romero, president of the Phi Mu Sorority said. "We've already decided to do the north wing before the east."

Some things included on the repair list are: plumbing, sewer pipes, heat pipes, floor tiles and carpeting.

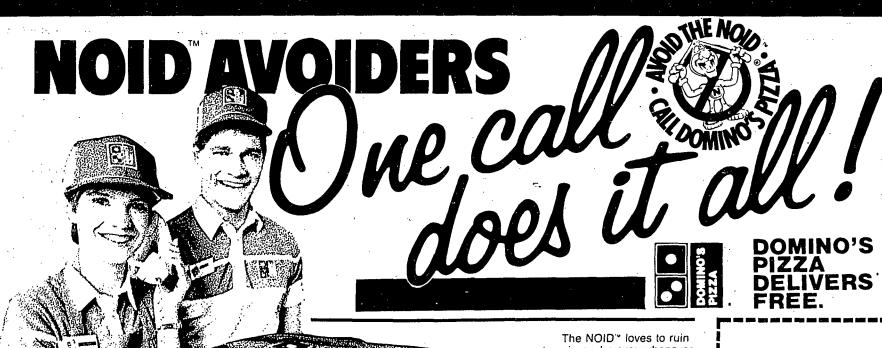
"No set figures have been made for renovation," Wake said. "We'll just keep Roberta Hall in basic operation."

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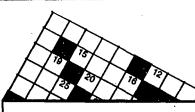
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Crossword Puzzle

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- Indian 24 Paradise 26 Conducted 28 Antiered animal 31 Noise
 - 33 Born 35 Health resort 36 Therefore
 - - 47 Boast 49 Haill 51 Stone structure 54 Hindu cymbals 56 Guldo's high

 - 56 Guldo's high note 58 Meadow 59 Sofa 62 Antlered animal 64 Forenoon 65 Consumed 66 Fish sauce 68 Otherwise 70 Equality 71 Level
 - 71 Level 72 Obtained

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- 9 Mature
- 10 Seed container 11 Century plant

- 18 Possessive
- pronoun 20 Spread for
- 38 Own 41 Teutonic delty 42 Simpleton 44 Unit of Portuguese currency drying 22 Dreamily thoughtful 45 Dance step
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 - Scotland 29 Simian 30 Long, slender fish
 - 32 Neither's
 - partner 34 The sixth sense: abbr.

 - 36 Cry
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 40 Carpenter's tool
 43 More obese
 46 Sodium chloride
 48 Ship channel
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 52 Smallest

 - 52 Smallest number 53 Crippled 55 Page of book 57 Symbol for aluminum 59 Weaken 60 Greek letter 61 Cloth measure 63 Beer barrel 67 Babylonian deity
 - deity 69 Behold!

Northwest students attend intercollegiate mock trials

Special to the Missourian

Six Northwest students went to court recently at the third annual National Intercollegiate Mock Trial Tournament at Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa.

This year the tournament involved over sixty teams from some fifty colleges and universities in twenty-four states.

Charles Balentine, a member of the Northwest team, placed fourth out of three hundred in the individual witness category. Six individual attorney awards as well as an overall most professional team award, voted on by the pre-law advisers were also given.

In the mock civil suit, the team of Tex Bonner, Elizabeth Hughes, Cathy Stark, Thad Turner, Art Miller and Balentine, debated both plaintiff and defendant sides.

The team's case concerned an alcohol related automobile accident. It tried to answer the philosophical question, "Is a party host responsible for the actions of a guest?"

In four rounds of competition, the students served as plaintiff and defendant twice. As the plaintiff, three attorneys and three witnesses represented the injured party. The defendant's attorneys and witnesses stated the facts on the side of the party host. This host, accused of serving the alcohol which caused the accident, was sued for \$100,000.

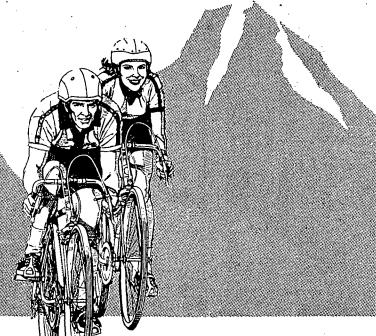
Judges felt that the competition helps increase basic life and leadership skills such as listening, speaking, writing and analyzing.

"Because we had to do everything 'ad-lib,' we really had to know the information, Hughes said. "As a witness, I didn't want to impeach myself."

Bonner stated that the competition gave him a better background on how the justice system operates. Bonner's portrayal of the arresting officer also won favor with the judges.

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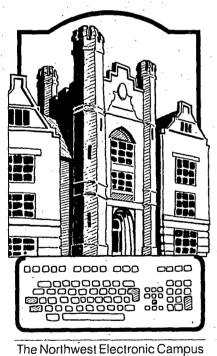
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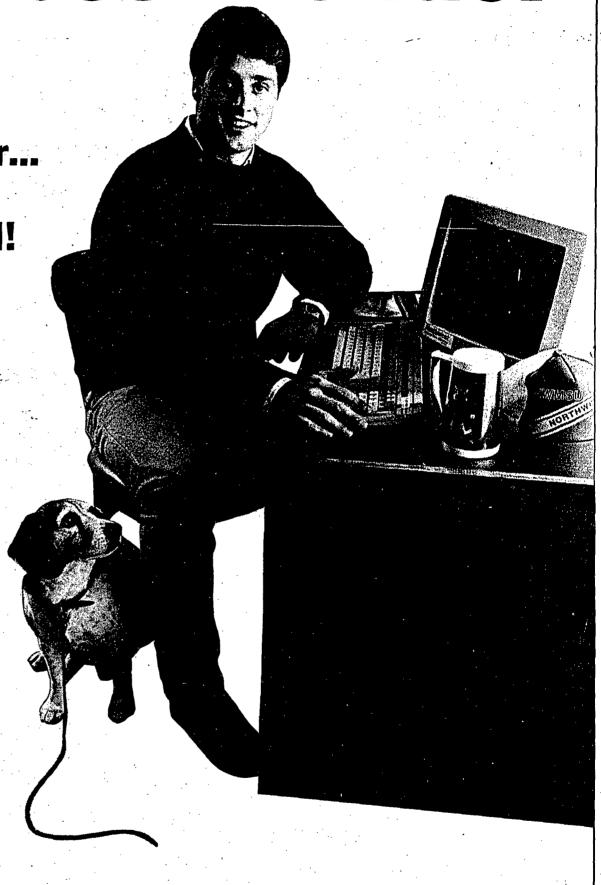
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- Chi Alpha Christian, Fellowship Meeting, Hake Hall, 7:30 p.m.
- TKE Daughters Meeting, Upper Lakeview Room, Union, 5:30 p.m.
- Phi Sigma Alpha and Political Science Club Meeting, Stockmen Room, Union, 5:30 p.m.
- Computer Olympiad, Union Ballroom
- Denny's Restaurants Job Interviews, Lower Lakeview Room, Union
- Camp Sunnyside Job Interviews, Lower Lakeview Room, Union
- CLEP, GED, NLN, LPN and MAT testing, Hake Hall, 8:15 a.m.
- Bearkitten Softball, Missouri Southern
- Harambee Lip Sync Show auditions, East Ballroom,

Union, 6:30 p.m. "The Dating Game," Channel 8, 6 p.m.

Friday

- TIPP payment due, Cashiers Office, 3 p.m.
- Last day to place fourth block pass/fail, Registrar's Office
- Bearcat Baseball, Missouri Western, 2 p.m.
- Bearkitten Softball, Pittsburg St Invite
- Experimental Theatre, Charles Johnson, 7:30 p.m.
- CLEP, GED, NLN, LPN, and MAT testing, Hake Hall, 8:15 a.m.
- **History Day**
- Bearcat Tennis vs. Northeast Missouri, Grube Courts, noon
- Bearkitten Tennis vs. Missouri Western, Grube Courts, noon
- "Campus Meet the Press," Channel 8, 6 p.m.

Saturday

- Bearcat/Bearkitten track **CMSU** Triangular
- Bearcat Baseball vs. Mor-

- ningside, Bearcat Field, 1
- Catholic Mass, The Newman House, 6:15 p.m.
- Bearkitten Softball, Pittsburg Invite
- Bearcat Tennis vs. Creighton, Grube Courts, 8 a.m.
- Bearkitten Tennis vs. Central of Iowa, Grube Courts, 8 a.m.
- Bearcat Tennis vs. Central of Iowa, Grube Courts, noon
- Bearkitten Tennis vs. William Jewell, Grube Courts,

Sunday

- Catholic Mass, The Newman House, 9 a.m.
- Catholic Mass, Union, 11 a.m
- Dollar Supper, Lutheran Campus Center, 6 p.m.
- Sunday evening supper, Wesley Center, 5 p.m.
- Performing Arts series "Candida," Mary Linn Performing Arts Center, 8 p.m.
- Women's Week begins
- Bearcat Baseball vs. Iowa State, Bearcat Field, noon
- Tri Sigma Softball applica-

tions due Monday

- Aerobics, Room 301 Mar-
- tindale Gym, 7 p.m. Community Bloodmobile, Union Ballroom, 8 a.m.
- Priscilla Fenton art exhibit, DeLuce Gallery, 7
- Volunteer Income Tax Assistance, Room 229 Colden Hall, 7 p.m.
- **Employers Reinsurance** Corporation Job Interviews, Lower Lakeview Room, Union

Tuesday

- Harambee presents Lip Sync Show, Union Ballroom, 7 p.m.
- Genesis Agriculture/Marketing Corporation Job Interviews, Lower Lakeview Room, Union
- Metropolitan Life Insurence Job Interviews, Lower Lakeview Room, Union
- Student Senate applications due, Student Senate, Union
- Student Senate election

rules meeting, Northwest Room, Union, 6:45 p.m.

Wednesday

- Aerobics, Room 301 Martindale Gym, 7 p.m.
- Intramural Softball entry
- Student Pay Day
- Last day to change fourth block audit, Registrar's Office
- **Applied Communications** Job Interviews, Lower Lakeview Room, Union
- Bearcat Baesball, vs. Kansas State, Bearcat Field, 2 p.m.
- Omaha Public Schools Job Interviews, Lower Lakeview Room, Union
- **Industrial Technology** Club meeting, Thompson-Ringold lounge, 5 p.m.
- Bearkitten Tennis, Kansas State
- Bearkitten Tennis vs. Kearney State, Manhattan,
- Faculity Town Hall meeting, Charles Johnson Theater, 4 p.m.
- "Osteoporosis and You," Northwest Room, Union, 12:30 p.m.

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'Puttin' on the hits'

Lip sync competition nears

BY JIM INMAN Staff Writer

Harambee is puttin' on the hits for their first lip-sync contest coming March 26, in the Union ballroom at 8 p.m. They tried to sponsor one last semester but it seemed no one wanted a trophy for first prize. So Harambee has decided to sweeten the pot with money.

"The grand pooba is \$50," said April Renfroe, chairman for this event.

Everyone is encouraged to display their talents, either by entering the contest alone or having an organization sponsor someone. The price of the entry fee is seven dollars.

"A lot of people have been asking if we were going to do the lip sync contest," said Renfroe.

Therefore, Harambee decided to try one more time to hold such an event. Harambee is a small organization trying to do more activities this year so organizations will want to know more about them, according to Renfroe.

Auditions will be held March 19, one week before the show. Contact any member from Harambee at Ext. 1216 or April Renfroe in 507 Franken Hall for more information about auditions.

"It's time to give yourself a chance to display your talents and to prove that your'e better than the rest," said Dayna Brown, president of Harambee.

But there's also 50 other reasons to enter the contest...50 green reasons.

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Answers to this week's crossword puzzle

Students wake up to Jolt Cola

BY CINDY COWEN Reprinted from Confetti

So far Jolt has been widely accepted without receiving the negative publicity that new products on the market sometimes experience. "We've been very fortunate. We didn't ever think it would blossom to the point it has done."

On the Notre Dame campus they actually threw out all the other cola machines and put Jolt Cola in every vending machind on campus.

Creating a good tasting product, one that will compete with the major colas in the soft drink field is not an easy task, said Rapp. The process itself takes three years, and at a point becomes a very non-scientific trial and error system. When taste testing Jolt, 114 samples of different colas were submitted and refused. Jolt as it is today is the 115 try.

On a different level, advertising is the area that Jolt has found most difficult to compete in.

According to Rapp, there are three main centers of a soft drink company. "The first is creating a good tasting product and we've done it and another is getting it to the people and we are slowly winning that battle. But, the third—advertising—there is just no way in the world that we could compete in that realm."

Jolt is trying to be creative, and that is where the two different kinds of advertising come in. One is the "Dare to want it all" slogan and the other is the "Cola with the good old fashioned taste" slogan. The two different slogans are geared toward both the younger consumers who will dare to want it all, and also toward the older consumers who remember what sodas used to taste like.

Jolt Cola is for those who like to try new things, it's also for those who need their caffeine and even for those who just want a good tasting soda.

"All the Sugar and Twice the Caffeine" is the slogan for a new product, one that will surely stick in your mind when you need an extra boost of caffeine. And if the slogan doesn't stick in you mind maybe their logo might. A bright yellow lightning bolt jutting through the "O" in the hearty new cola, called what else but "Jolt Cola."

"Jolt is the only soft drink that's going back to the good ingredients of yesterday. It's a hearty soft drink, a robust product on the marketplace." said C.J. Rapp, 27, son of a bottling plant owner and president of the Jolt Cola Company.

After six years of development, Jolt made its debut in Rapp's hometown of Rochester, New York, in April of last year. Currently, Jolt is available in 31 states and all of Western Canada, and they have set a target date for Jolt to be available in all 50 states in March of this year.

The good ingredients that make Jolt a hearty, robust product are natural cane sugar, not corn syrup, and 5.9 mg of caffeine (twice that of Coke and Pepsi) just under the FDA's softdrink limit of 6 mg per ounce.

"I think we are the only soft drink company to admit that people drink soft drinks for the caffeine. We aren't ashamed of it. As you can see we put it right on the label," said Rapp.

"Soft drinks were created to be refreshing, good tasting and a hell of a lot of fun. That's the whole philosophy behind Jolt."

Even though Jolt contains twice the caffeine, it is loaded with naturals. "The real irony of Jolt is that we never said that soft drinks are supposed to be a health product or a diet aid. The irony is that Jolt is a very natural product, and it's loaded with the naturals," said Rapp.

"We pay 60 percent more for our sweetener than any other soft drink company in the United States. We are the only ones in the whole United States with it (cane sugar). Caffeine itself is a very natural thing in soft drinks. In fact you have to go through a seven part process to remove the caffeine," Rapp pointed out.



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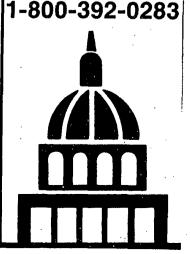
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Skylarking' review

XTC displays Beatle influence

BY RANDY SHARP Special to the Missourian

If pop radio ignores this album, it will be their biggest mistake of the year. Skylarking, the new release by XTC, is a gem of an album. The songs blend together musical styles that range from psychedelic Beatles to renaissance to classical with a touch of jazz.

The production is clean and dense combining lots of strings, horns, and sound effects. The sound is never harsh despite all the elements involved and credit there goes to producer Todd Rungren.

Skylarking has been number one on some college charts for the past several weeks, and seems to be holding strong, while getting glowing reviews.

The eerie opening cut "Summer's Cauldron" has lots of woodland noises to back it up. The song is short and slides with no break directly into "Grass". This track is a happy little ditty that talks about "things we did in the grass." I'm still not sure whether they are referring to the lawn.

"The Meeting Place" is very Beatlesish and really shows off the group's dense harmonies. This song starts the use of odd instrumentation adding a comic element that Andy Partridge has written into this album.

Well, earlier this year R.E.M. did a song called "Superman," so why not the female gender? "That's Really Super, Supergirl" is a tongue-in-cheek look at love and has a really catchy mood to it.

Now for my favorite cut on side one, "Ballet for a Rainy Day." It sounds as if it could have come from the Beatles' "Rubber Soul" album. With lines like "Apples and cherries are varnished in water despite, striped awnings bright dismay. I push my paint-brush to conjure a new world while this one is slowly washed away." It's easy to see why Beatles comparisons are deserved.

Fading right out of "Ballet" is "1000 Umbrellas" is a fully orchestrated song that really captures the listener, whisking him away from the conventional pop sound into a very mature style.

Side two opens with my favorite song on the album, "Earn Enough For Us". This is the sad dilemma of a young man who wants to get married if he can support his bride-to-be. "I can take humiliation and hurtful comments from the boss. I'm just praying by the weekend I can earn enough for us." This song really bops along with lots

of tight guitar and harmony.

"Another Satellite" is the first single and is getting quite a bit of college airplay. It is slow and plodding with a heavy bass line and swooping sounds. The theme is simple, take care of things on earth before we worry about outer space.

Even more cosmic is "The Man Who Sailed Around His Soul." It's somewhat bizarre but a very entertaining number. This is where the touch of jazz comes in with flute and piano. A nice jazz bass line and horn section make this song contrast the rest of the album.

Finishing off the album are "Dying" and "Sacrificial Bonfire." "Dying" is an acoustic number that addresses death. Repeating choruses of "I don't want to die like you," leaves you with an uneasy feeling about life in general. "Sacrificial Bonfire" takes us out with a positive attitude with the closing line "Reign over good, banish the bad."

Punch for punch, this album will stand up to anything you are likely to hear this year. The finely tuned sound is relaxing to hear this year. The vocals, lyrics, and harmonies are all top notch and do not falter anywhere on the LP. Pick this one up, especially if you're a Beatles fan and even if you're not.



Students Cathy Stark (facing camera) and Elizabeth Hughes are members of Northwest's mock trial team. The team recently competed in a tournament at Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa. They are discussing strategy for the tournament's first round. See story, page

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Jumping' for a cause

BY JIM INMAN Staff Writer

Five years ago, Lamkin Gym was flooded with the noise of people jumping rope. For nearly three hours, people bounced around to raise money for the American Heart Association (AHA).

This year, the sound of rope slapping the gym floor can be heard again, March 20, for the same cause.

Mary Simms, a nurse at St. Francis Hospital, participated in this fund raiser in the past. "The event went really well. My team raised over \$600 for AHA." And now, Simms is in charge of this year's fund raiser.

"I'd like to raise \$1,000 at least," Simms said, but she's hoping for much more. There were twenty teams consisting of six members each last time, and Simms would like to see even more participants this year.

"I really hope to get people interested because it is for a good cause and it's a fun thing to do."

Sound interesting? If so, all

there is to do is round up about six people for a team. Contact Simms at 582-8993 or at St. Francis Hospital. She'll send a packet of information with a sheet for future pledges signatures. Collect as many pledges as possible and on March 20, beginning at 6:30 p.m., the jumping will commence.

What's in it for those who participate? "There will be prizes, probably sweat shirts, for the team who brings in the most money," Simms said. "Hopefully, everyone will recieve a Tshirt for their help." There will also be a prize for the best jump routine.

If you'd like to to 'skip' the jump roping part, but would still like to help, Simms would gladly accept the assistance. "I'd really love the participation from all the organizations. If they wish to help, just call. I'd appreciate it."

So if someone comes up and asks for a pledge, please try to contribute. For in the words of Simms, "Everyone has a heart and I'm sure they want to keep it." Spring break tragedies

Vacations end with fatalities

BY EDEE DALKE
For COLLEGE PRESS SERVICE

She bought new clothes, a swimsuit, sunglasses, all in upbeat styles. Spring break was approaching and Laurain Day Buffington, like 265,000 other college students in 1986, was heading to Daytona Beach for fun.

The day Laurain left the Gordon Community College campus in Barnesville, Fla., she aced her chemistry final. The 20-year-old journalism student was even more excited about her spring break plans. But she also talked about safety. She knew students had fallen from balconies to their deaths in several cities during previous spring breaks, that there were those who drank on high balconies. As she left, she remarked, "That's crazy. I wouldn't dare hang around them."

"Not ME," she said, "that's crazy. What's the thrill in that?"

But days later, Florida front page news read, "A 20-year-old college student from Georgia plunged to her death Thursday when she lost her grip while trying to climb from one sixth floor balcony to another. Police report Laurain Day Buffington fell backward onto the parking lot and died instantly."

It happens every year Daytona Beach records, starting from 1966, report at least 28 students have fallen from balconies. Fifteen have died. The average fall is four stories. In 1984, three accidents brought one death. In 1985, three died of falls in Daytona Beach. In all of Florida, seven students lost their lives

during spring break, three by falling off balconies.

As a 1983 Kansas State University graduate who transplanted to Daytona Beach three years ago, I have now seen spring break from the other side. A spring break veteran myself, I recall with pleasure my own travels to South Padre Island in Texas to Fort Lauderdale.

...he wasn't the type to take chances.

friend of victim

Living in Daytona Beach, I hear talk about "what those darn kids did this time..." I chuckle to myself, and realize that only three short years ago, I was doing many of these same things myself.

But when I hear of a falling accident at a hotel just down the street, I cringe. I cringe because I know it was an ordinary student. No one unusual. No one who came down to spring break to end his or her life.

r In an attempt to end such useless carnage, there's a new state law that allows hotels to detain a student acting in a life threatening manner. Last year, students could not be detained unless a police officer witnessed the action or had an arrest warrant.

A spring break safety committee last year also created a student "code of ethical conduct." Students checking in at participating hotels have to sign the code, which includes notice that it is illegal to climb over or on

balcony railings, windows, roofs, or ledges.

Sadly enough, students' response to the deaths in the past have only been a pause before the party continues. Many feel it's not a possibility for themselves. Like Laurain Day Buffington, they think it only happens to the crazies who have completely lost their senses.

A friend of one of last year's victims was quoted as saying, "The night preceding was nothing really too crazy, just partying and meeting people. He was a fun-loving guy, but he wasn't crazy enough to jump off a balcony."

Most balcony deaths have been from an unexpected loss of balance.

"It's so senseless," reported the friend of another victim. "He was afraid of heights. And he wasn't the kind to take chances."

A newspaper article quoted a 1985 victim's mother. "losing a child is a pain that is profound and unrelenting. There's a cavalier attitude toward these deaths. People think the kids deserve what they get. We encourage the free and easy dispensing of alcohol. Then when tragedy happens, people say, 'What a drunken bum.' "

Alcohol may weaken one's judgement, certainly. But the history of balcony deaths shows various reasons and situations for the falls. Anyone on a balcony could be caught up in the moment and be at risk.

Edee Dalke, a 1983 Kansas State Journalism grad, is an advertising account executive in the *Orlando Sentinel*'s Daytona Beach bureau.

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TANNER TYPING SERVICE 582-4119 MIAA squads place high

Runners finish third

If last weekend's NCAA Division II Indoor Championships are any indication, the MIAA men's track season will be quite interesting.

The Bearcats tied for third with Southeast Missouri State, both teams accumulating 26 team points. Central Missouri State, yet another MIAA squad, finished in fifth place with 20 points. In all, 23 teams competed in the meet.

"I wasn't suprised on how they ('Cats) performed," Bearcat Head Track Coach Richard Alsup said. "I was suprised a bit

at the third place finish."

Individually for the 'Cats, Bob Sundell and Mark Pyatt both turned in second place finishes. Sundell's came in the high jump, despite the fact that he actually finished in a four-way tie for first place. However, two jumpers were eliminated and Sundell lost a jump-off to finish in second. His distance was 6 feet, 10 1/4 inches.

Pyatt's finish came in the Pole Vault with a distance of 15 feet, 6 inches.

Bert Lawrence played the hero spot for the 'Cats during the 1600-meter relay. Running in the anchor leg position, Lawrence ran a 47.9 leg to pull the relay squad up to fifth place in the race. Their 3 minute, 17.74 second finish made it possible for the 'Cats to move up from seventh to fifth place and to tie SEMO for third in the final team standings.

Phillip Dew finished third in the 800 meter run with a time

of 1 minute, 52.64 seconds.

"I'm pretty happy (with my finish)," Dew said. "I went in to

the meet hoping to finish in the top three."

Brad Ortmeier turned in the 'Cats other fifth place finish. He finished in the spot after the 5,000 meter run in which he ended with a time of 14 minutes, 42 seconds.

Squad to rely on freshmen power

BY JOHN MYERS
Staff Writer

Although the Bearkitten softball team lost four all-MIAA players, they keep a pitching staff that last year helped take them to a 34-18 record, setting a new school single-season win record.

Pitchers Shelly McClure, who was 15-9 last season, and Shelly Navara, who was also 15-9 last year and was voted the MIAA outstanding freshman, return to lead a squad that features six returning starters.

Catcher Kathy Kelsey, who was first-team MIAA and first-team all-Central Retion last year, is the only one of five all-MIAA players returning for the 'Kittens from

last year's squad.

The 'Kittens opened up their season at Central State in Edmond, Okla. Winning one-of-six games on the trip leaves the Northwest looking to redeem themselves starting with a double-header against Missouri Southern in Joplin today (Thursday).

A lot of holes must be filled, and Head Coach Gayla Eckhoff has her work cut out for her. "A lot of good freshman came in and will supplement the team," Eckhoff said. "When we start playing more and know how each other is going to work we'll really pull together."

Laura Brichetto is just one

freshman that jumped head-first into the starting lineup. The out-fielder from Des Moines, Ia (Hoover High School), has a .294 batting percentage, giving her the fourth-best average on the squad.



Photo by C. Carlson

During Media Day, freshman outfielder Laura Brichetto gives her outlook of this season's Bearkitten Softball squad. Last season, the 'Kitten's 34-18 record set a new single-season win record at Northwest.



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Outdoor season to begin this weekend

'Kitten's finish in Div. II gives runners high expectations

BY TROY APOSTOL Sports Editor

Three members of the Bearkitten track squad gave themselves a boost of confidence at last weekend's NCAA Division II Indoor Championships in Fargo, North Dakota.

In the 23-team meet, the 'Kittens finished in eigth place with 12 team points. Three runners represented the Bearkittens at the meet.

Individually for the Northwest squad, three members earned NCAA Div. II All-American honors. Those members were Venus Miller, Kim Sprigg and Leticia Gilbert.

"Leticia, all year long, had lost to both Southeast (Missouri State) throwers (in the shot put)," Bearkitten Head Coach Donna Tiegs said. "When it got down to Nationals, Leticia ended up beating both of them."

Gilbert set a new school record in the Shot Put with a throw of 45 feet, 1 3/4 inches. Miller finished the 400 meter run with a time of 56.45 seconds and Sprigg recorded a jump of 38 feet, 1/4 inches in the Triple Jump.

The squad's finish at Nationals is just one example of the improvement in the 'Kittens that Tiegs is building high hopes for the outdoor season on. At the MIAA Indoor Track championships on Feb. 28, the 'Kittens recorded their highest finish ever in the six-year history of the MIAA women's indoor competion. A team-total of 97 points placed them behind the champion squad from Southeast, who finished the meet with 174 points. Seven school records were also set during the meet. 14 finishes, according to Tiegs, were personal best finishes for some runners:

"Their attitude has changed,"
Tiegs said. "There is more
togetherness on the
squad...instead of competing
against each other they are helping each other out."

However, Tiegs is quick to point out that there will be a strong battle in the conference's outdoor season, the second-year Bearkitten coach sees her squad doing tight battle with Northeast Missouri State for second-place in the MIAA. Tiegs predicts that Southeast will be the team to beat for first place.

But a lack of depth, according to Tiegs, will be the major problem that she sees the 'Kittens encountering this season.

"We've got good people in each area," Tiegs said. "We just don't have enough depth in those areas."

Outdoor competition for the 'Kittens begins this Saturday at Central Missouri State. On Friday, March 27, the 'Kittens will again visit Central, this time for the CMSU Decathlon/Heptathelon. The meet will continue on Saturday, March 28. Their first home meet, on Saturday, April 4, will be the Northwest Invitational.

However, some members of the squad will not be at the first home meet. Some will travel to Austin, Tex., for the Texas Relays. On April 18, Northwest will play host to the Herschel Neil Heptathlon/Decathlon meet.



Photo by C. Carlson

Pictured above are the nine runners who represented Northwest at the NCAA Division II nationals in Fargo, North Dakota. They are Front Row (l-r): Bert Lawrence and Rodney Grayson; Second Row (l-r): Venus Miller, Leticia Gilbert and Kim Spriggs; Back Row (l-r) Phil Dew, Bob Sundell, Tony Phillip and Brad Ortmeier.

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'Cats fall to Northern Alabama

Staff Writer

Two close losses at the Universtiy of Northern Alabama put the Northwest Missouri State Bearcat baseball squad at 4-5 and waiting for the weather to break.

Before their previous defeats, the 'Cats swept Freed-Hardiman College in a doubleheader by scores of 10-3 and 11-3 on March 11. In the first game, the Lions led after the first inning, but Northwest answered with a fiverun second inning.

Kevin Goekin smashed a threerun homer, his first of the year, to put the 'Cats ahead to stay.

Bob Sutcliffe went three-forfour in the first game and twofor-five in the second game, raising his batting average to .500.

"Deja' vu". A look-a-like second game gave the Bearcats another win as Steve Taylor, 2-0 on the season, went the distance while allowing six hits, three walks, and striking out eight.

The two losses to North Alabama leaves the 'Cats sitting on a two game losing streak.

Bearcat pitcher Kurt Hutson gave up no earned runs and allowed two hits in six innings of work, but to no avail. UNA scored two runs on a pair of walks and an error, giving them a narrow 3-2 victory in game one.

Scoring in the first three innings put the Bearcats up 5-0. A solo home run in the second inning made the score 3-0. Scott Spurgeon rocked the Lions in the

third with a two-run homer, but that was it for Northwest's scoring.

A six-run fourth put UNA ahead to stay with the Lions padding the lead with a run in the fifth lifting them to an 8-5 win.

Northwest's next oppenent is Missouri Western in St. Joseph tomorrow (Friday).

The 'Cats will begin a fivegame home stand at Bearcat Field beginning this Saturday when they play host to a doubleheader against Morningside College. The first game begins at 1:00 p.m.

The 'Cats then host a doubleheader on Sunday against Iowa State University beginning at

Netters down Mizzou

The University of Missouri proved to be no match for the Bearcat tennis team at the Lodge of the Four Seasons in the Ozarks.

Heiko Struder, Jorge Castilla, Antonio Becerra, Jonas Norell and Chris Hall were all victorious against the Tigers.

In doubles play the 'Cat's duo of Becerra and Norell, and Struder and Veasey were victorious, giving Northwest an overall 7-2 win.

The combined records of the players in singles play is currently 28-15. In doubles play, the 'Cats stand at 9-10.

The victory over Missouri gives Northwest a 4-3 record with their next match coming

tomorrow (Friday) at home against Northeast Missouri State. The 'Cats will then host Creighton University and Central College on Saturday.

A 4-1 record shines down on the Bearkitten tennis team this season.

In their last appearance on March 10, at Rhodes College in Tennesee, the 'Kittens ran off with a 6-3 win. But in their following match, the 'Kittens fell prey to injury and illness, and a scrimmage replaced regular competition.

The Bearkittens will be home tomorrow for the John Byrd Classic against Missouri Western.

Co-Rec volleyball currently at center stage

Intramural basketball championships finish seasons in four divisions

BY TROY APOSTOL **Sports Editor**

Too Tough proved to be just that in the women's intramural basketball championships. The squad coasted to a 48-19 victory over the Atchison County All

Their victory earned them the

championship round two weeks ago, the other three intramural basketball divisions also held their championships on the same day in Lamkin Gym.

Tappa Kegga Beer took home the Intermediate division championship with a 39-27 defeat of Rapid Fire. Skeezer Pleezers claimed the Independent Competition division with a 27-23

victory over Lovers Inc.. And the Phi Sigma Kappa Chodes rounded out competition in the Fraternity division with a 42-28 win over the Sigma Phi Epsilon Buffalo hunters.

Not only did the Chodes earn the championship, one member of their squad, Scott Boyer, was named as Intramural Men's

Athlete-of-the-Week. Kim Spriggs of Too Tough earned honors as Women's Athlete-of-the-Week.

Lamkin Gym is currently the site for Co-Rec Volleyball competition which has 64 teams doing battle in the event.

Another event slated to be held on Wednesday, April 15 is the Intramural Superstar Competition, sponsored by Northwest's Cam-

pus Recreation Department and also by Bud Light Beer.

According to Campus Recreation Director Bob Lade, competition is open in two seperate areas, Independent and Team divisions. Anyone interested in participating is advised to call Campus Recreation at extension 1606, or stop by their office in the basement of Lamkin Gym.

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